

REMARKS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007.

Prior to this paper, claims 1-27, 29, 30, and 32-40 were pending in this application. The present paper cancels claims 1-8, 10, 13-15, 19-27, 29, 30, and 32-40 and adds new claims 41-64. Accordingly, following entry of the new claim listing presented in this paper, claims 9, 11, 12, 16-18, and 41-64 will be pending in this application. Of these claims, claims 9, 11, 12, and 16-18 stand allowed. Further, new claims 41-64 depend directly or indirectly from one of these allowed claims and thus should also be allowable.

New claims 41-64 were substantially copied from the dependent claims cancelled herein, but have now been modified to depend from one or more of allowed claims 9, 11, 12, and/or 16-18. As such, these new dependent claims are not only allowable they should also require only a cursory review by the examiner, and thus, consistent with MPEP § 714.13(II) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the presentation of new claims 41-64 is proper even following final rejection.

Applicants note that claims 1-8, 10, 13-15, 19-27, 29, 30, and 32-40 have been cancelled in the present application to expedite allowance of the claims currently presented herein and without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Accordingly, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter contained in these cancelled claims in a continuation application and it is not the Applicants' intent to surrender any equivalents because of the amendments or arguments made herein.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe that there are matters relating to this application

remaining that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call the Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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